

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
STREET COMMITTEE

Tuesday April 10, 2001  
MAG Offices, Saguaro Conference Room  
302 North First Avenue, Suite 200  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Grant Anderson, Glendale, Chairman	*Glenn Cornwell, Paradise Valley
*Andrew Smith, ADOT	Don Herp, Phoenix
*Jim Badowich, Avondale	*Burton Charron, Peoria
Lloyd Page, Chandler	*Bob Ronzo, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
*Shane Dille, Gila Bend	Indian Community
Bruce Ward, Gilbert	Aaron Iverson, Scottsdale
Charles Hydeman, Goodyear	Brian Pirooz, Surprise
Jim Ricker, Guadalupe	Larry Shobe, Tempe
*Doug Pike, Litchfield Park	Manual Dominguez for Ralph Velez, Tolleson
Chris Plumb, Maricopa County	*Jesse Mendez, Youngtown
Kevin Wallace, Mesa	

\* Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Tate, MAG	Paul Ward, MAG
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grant Anderson at 1:35 p.m. The Chairman welcomed Jim Ricker from Guadalupe and Brian Pirooz from Surprise as newcomers to the Committee.

2. Approval of the March 13, 2001 Meeting Minutes

The March 13, 2001 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Call to the Audience and Stakeholders

No members of the public were present to address the Committee.

4. Transportation Programming Report

Paul Ward gave a brief report. He noted that MAG had recently completed a series of five forums as part of the update of the regional transportation plan and that these forums had included a number of

nationally known experts and had been well attended by the public. Video tapes of four of the five are available for viewing; there are problems with the video tape for one of the forums.

The Chairman noted that he had attended several of the forum and that they had been very interesting. He also indicated that MAG was conducting a series of focus groups as part of the development of the plan during the forthcoming month.

5. Report on the Status of Federally Funded Projects Programmed for Fiscal Years 2001 through 2003 and the Federal Fund Balances

Stephen Tate briefly reported on the status of federally funded projects programmed for FY 2001 through 2003. He asked members to provide him with contact information for member agency program managers.

6. Closeout of the Federal Fiscal Year 2001

Mr. Ward noted that MAG was in the process of closing out the Federal Fiscal Year. He then proceeded to list the requests for project deferrals that had been received and the priority criteria used in accelerating projects. He noted that requests for the acceleration of federally funded projects into FY 2001 are due by Friday April 13, 2001 and that requests should be in writing, either by e-mail, fax or letter.

He went on to add that it might be much more difficult to accelerate projects next year due to the large number of projects being requested for deferral from this year and to an anticipated slow down in the rate of increase in federal funding in FY 2003. He added that he planned to recommend that, in the future, deferrals be granted only to projects where a design concept report had been completed and approved by ADOT.

Aaron Iverson noted that there was a need to fully document the rules for programming MAG federal projects. The Chairman and Paul noted that the rules for the closeout had been developed by a committee and were contained in a memo.

Mr. Ward continued on to add that accelerated projects must be obligated by September. This generally limits projects accelerations to either construction projects already designed up to ADOT requirements or design projects that can be bid by September.

7. Report on the Status of the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Ward noted that the Draft TIP had been approved for air quality conformity. Changes that involved the addition of through lane capacity would not be considered until after the completion of the air quality conformity analysis and would require a special analysis prior to Regional Council acceptance. Changes that do not affect through lane capacity could be considered at any time prior to the adoption of the TIP and would be included through use of Errata Sheets.

8. Redefinition of Projects in the TIP - Should Member Agencies be Allowed to Redefine Project Locations for Federally Funded Projects?

Mr. Ward briefly introduced the issue. He noted that member agencies were granted considerable latitude in defining MAG federally funded projects, that they could shorten the length of the projects, divide them into phases or add and subtract some features, but that they had very rarely been allowed to supplant them with different project. He added that the funding for the projects was regional and not the property of the sponsoring agency.

Chuck Hydeman reported that he wanted to replace his Queen Creek project with a another dirt road paving project that was better connected with his road network and that carried a higher traffic volume. It was noted that member agencies had substituted projects before and that dirt road paving projects scored high in the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality rating system.

Mr. Tate noted that the selection process for MAG federally funded projects was supposed to be a technical process and that if the City of Goodyear did not want to do the Queen Creek project, then the next highest rated project that not been accepted for Federally federal funding should be considered. It was noted that the substitution of projects mentioned earlier had been done on an ad hoc basis by policy committees and it was argued that these should not be considered as precedents.

It was the sense of the Committee that Goodyear should be allowed to change the project under consideration and that the Committee should consider it for action at the next meeting.

9. MAG Management Systems Report - FY 2002 Update

Mr. Tate noted that he had sent out to MAG member agencies a table listing information on pavement management systems and asked for a comments. He also noted that MAG staff was revising the MAG Management Systems Report to add information on the programming process.

10. Adjournment

The Chairman asked that the staff include an agenda item on “super streets” for the next meeting of the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.